

District 41 Parent Teacher Organization  
Executive Board Meeting  
August 16, 2011  
Lake Villa, IL

Present:

- Anita Ryan
- Hillary Heneghan
- Tricia Kennedy
- Lori Carta
- Maria Guzman
- Michelle Bratzke
- Laura Romig

Late: Jen Harder

Executive Meeting called to order Hillary by at 5:43PM.

**Presentation by Dr. Van Pelt/Alex Barbour:**

- Thank you for our \$70k contribution.
- Have a pilot this year in middle school health course; they will have access to 60 notebooks. The curriculum is on-line and digital.
- They want to provide more access to 1:1 computing and would like the PTO's assistance.
- Alex: A needs assessment is done annually with the staff. A couple of things came up, which have been met: 1) wireless which is up and running. 2) Staff having access to the network outside of school.
- Students heavily rely on technology. Want to enhance learning on a regular basis. At the elementary level we really don't need a computer for every student. The middle school would benefit more.
- Hillary would like more specifics as for how much is needed.
- Alex: This was more to get the idea out to the PTO.
- Tricia: are you looking for other resources to get money?
- Dr. Van Pelt will work with the Technology dept and come back in the fall with more info and some answers to our questions.
- At this time this is the highest priority. We would have to spend fund balances.
- They looked at iPads vs. netbooks. An instrument that would provide more bang for the buck. Direction is netbooks since they provide the most flexibility.
- An iPad looks best for the elementary level.
- Electronic curriculums are a little less expensive but not a huge savings.
- With digital texts you get the revision changes with the subscription. Text books, you have to purchase new books.
- Next looking at science and social science online/digital curriculum.
- Health is the starting point allowing to dip our foot in the water before rolling out.
- Figure \$500 a machine – grades 4-8. K-3 about 6 iPads per class.

**School Paks – Anita**

- Thom. Hoop, Martin all ok. Pleviak needs to contact Jodi. Lori has already contacted.

**Website –**

- Target to go live on Thursday. Everyone take a look at the site before Thursday.

- Calendar: the ones that are posted need to be updated with some missing events (Grande Jakes, November Market Day pick up change to Palombi, Pleviak spring BF)
- Hooper and Martin have individual sites set up. Anyone else want a page, please send PJ a notice.
- Ask Peggy of Brooks-Allan for SW forms to add to the site.

### **Facebook Page**

- is everyone on FB? No, not everyone.
- Everyone that requests to be a 'friend' is approved.

### **Booster Shots**

- Nothing more than the last email.
- \$235 vale right now.
- Not everyone was contacted on the initial list sent.
- The Rep is coming to the next meeting.

Martin would like to use the credit card to purchase a mascot costume.  
Everyone approves.

### **Public Session**

**Secretary's Report:** July Minutes approvals. June meeting minutes need to get approved by the past Board.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Received the \$10K donation from Durham. Going in misc income for this year's budget.
- Received \$216 from Sports Clip coupon program.
- Band had all vests cleaned
- Martin spent \$5000 of their requisition account money.
- Pleviak bought Carpet remnants
- Tricia contacted Connie M on getting the old flash drive with Directory info. Connie ended up buying a new drive, but still want the old drive for all of the info.

### **School Updates**

Hooper VOM - PJ Arthur for all her help on the website and Jen Betustak  
Martin VOM – Kathy Skinner  
Palombi VOM - Cheryl Bengston  
Pleviak VOM – Cherie Kwiatkowski and Sue Shimcoski  
Thompson VOM – Maria Guzman

### **Public Comments**

Cherie –

- Has Market Day order forms for everyone.
- Please make sure to send out the form.
- Would like to do a raffle 2 - \$20 coupons from every order. The \$40 would come off our profit. Cherie will talk to the rep about crediting cards if they win and paid online. Approved.
- Would like to get Market Day info in all of the school's newsletter. VPs please make sure it is in the newsletter.
  - Sandy Keim mentioned that the elementary schools are going to a monthly newsletter.

Public Session Adjourned by Hilary at 7:09PM.

Executive Session called to order by at 7:09PM.

Everyone in favor for Market Day to raffle two \$20 gift certificates/credit each month. Unanimous

**Budget** - Need to determine how we want to spend/slit the funds (40/40/20); same as last year.

Vote: All in favor of keeping it in percentages. Unanimous

Vote: keeping 40/40/20. Unanimous

Budget decided and attached.

**Discussion of Dr. VanPelt's presentation:**

- Are we interested in hearing Dr. Van Pelt? Unanimous.
- Everyone should email Hillary with any questions to forward to Dr. VanPelt.

Executive session adjourned by 9:25 at PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Guzman  
Secretary